

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 3, and 21-32 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for supporting a communication session of user equipment associated with a first access network, by a communication system comprising at least one entity between said user equipment and a node with which the user equipment is arranged to establish a session via a second network, the method comprising the steps of:

a) establishing said session between the user equipment and the node via said at least one entity;

b) putting the session on hold;

c) reserving resources for said session while said session is on hold; and

d) resuming said session with a message by which an access network charging identifier is distributed within the second network, wherein the first access network is different from the second network.

2. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of determining if charging information is provided during the establishment of said session and carrying out steps b) to d) only when it has been determined that the charging information has not been provided.

3. (Currently Amended) A method for supporting a communication session of user equipment associated with a first access network, by means of a communication system comprising at least one entity between said user equipment and a node with which the user equipment is arranged to establish a session via a second network, the method comprising the steps of:

a) modifying an existing session between the user equipment and the node via said at least one entity;

b) putting the session on hold;

c) reserving resources for the modified session while said session is on hold;

and

d) resuming said session with a message by which an access network charging identifier is distributed within the second network, wherein the first access network is different from the second network.

4. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 3, further comprising the step of determining if charging information is provided during the modifying of said session and carrying out steps b) to d) only when it has been determined that the charging information has not been provided

5. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the establishing step comprises using SIP for said session.

6. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the establishing step comprises operating at least part of said communication system in accordance with UMTS standard.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said charging identifier comprises at least a GCID.

9. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed claim 1, wherein the distributing step comprises distributing the charging identifier provided in a charging vector.

10. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the distributing step comprises distributing the charging identifier in a charging vector and wherein said charging vector comprises a P-charging-vector.

11. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the establishing step comprises establishing a session wherein said at least one entity comprises a GGSN.

12. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the establishing step comprises establishing a session wherein said at least one entity comprises a P-CSCF.

13. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the establishing step comprises establishing a session wherein said at least one entity comprises a PDF function.

14. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the establishing step comprises establishing a session wherein said at least one entity comprises a P-CSCF, the method further comprising the step of sending the charging identifier from the GGSN to the P-CSCF.

15. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the establishing step comprises establishing a session wherein said at least one entity comprises a PDF function, the method comprising the step of sending the charging identifier from the GGSN to the PDF.

16. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the establishing step comprises establishing a session wherein said charging identifier is sent from the GGSN to the P-CSCF in a COPS message.

17. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the establishing step comprises establishing a session wherein said charging identifier is sent from the GGSN to the PDF in a COPS message

18. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the establishing step comprises establishing a session wherein said node comprises a user agent server.

19. (Previously Presented) The method claim as claimed in claim 5, wherein the establishing step comprises establishing a session wherein said charging identifier is sent in an INVITE message.

20. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the establishing step comprises establishing a session wherein said node comprises user equipment.

21. (Currently Amended) A communication system for supporting a communication session of an user equipment associated with a first access network, said system comprising at least one entity between said user equipment and a node with which the user equipment is arranged to establish a session via a second network, the system being arranged to establish said session between the user equipment and the node via said at least one entity, at least one of said node and said user equipment being arranged to put the session on hold, at least one of said node and said user equipment being arranged to

reserving resources for said session while said session is on hold, at least one of said node and said user equipment being arranged to resume said session with a message by which at least one entity distributes an access network charging identifier within the second network, wherein the first access network is different from the second network.

22. (Currently Amended) A communication system for supporting a communication session of an user equipment associated with a first access network, said system comprising at least one entity between said user equipment and a node with which the user equipment is arranged to establish a session via a second network, the system being arranged to modify a session between the user equipment and the node via said at least one entity, at least one of said node and said user equipment being arranged to put the session on hold, at least one of said node and said user equipment being arranged to reserving resources for said modified session while said session is on hold, at least one of said node and said user equipment being arranged to resume said session with a message by which at least one entity distributes an access network charging identifier within the second network, wherein the first access network is different from the second network.

23. (Currently Amended) A communication system comprising at least one entity between user equipment associated with a first access network and a node with which the user equipment is arranged to establish a session via a second network, the system comprising:

establishing means for establishing said session between the user equipment and the node via said at least one entity;

placement means for putting the session on hold;

reserving means for reserving resources for said session while said session is on hold; and

resuming means for resuming said session with a message by which an access network charging identifier is distributed within said second network, wherein the first access network is different from the second network.

24. (Currently Amended) A communication system comprising at least one entity between user equipment associated with a first access network and a node with which the user equipment is arranged to establish a session via a second network, the system comprising:

modifying means for modifying an existing session between the user equipment and the node via said at least one entity;

placement means for putting the session on hold;

first reserving means for reserving resources for the modified session while said session is on hold;

second reserving means for reserving resources for the modified session while said session is on hold; and

resuming means for resuming said session with a message by which an access network charging identifier is distributed within said second network, wherein the first access network is different from the second network.

25. (Currently Amended) A network apparatus, comprising:

a network element for establishing configured to establish a communication session with a node via a first access network and a second network, ~~wherein~~ said network element is further arranged ~~configured~~ to put said session on hold, to reserve resources for said session while said session is on hold, and to resume said session with a message by which an access network charging identifier is distributed within the second network, wherein the first access network is different from the second network.

26. (Currently Amended) A network apparatus, comprising:

a network element for modifying configured to modify a communication session with a node via a first access network and a second network, ~~wherein~~ said network element is further arranged ~~configured~~ to put the session on hold, to reserve resources for modifying said session while said session is on hold, and to resume said session with a message by which an access network charging identifier is distributed within said second network, wherein the first access network is different from the second network.

27. (Currently Amended) A network ~~element~~ apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the network element is a user equipment.

28. (Currently Amended) A network ~~element~~ apparatus according to claim 26, wherein the network element is a user equipment.

29. (Currently Amended) A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for supporting a communication session of user equipment associated with a first access network, by means of a communication system comprising at least one entity between said user equipment and a node with which the user equipment is arranged to establish a session via a second network, the computer program being configured to perform the steps of:
~~A computer program product for performing the steps of claim 1 when run on a computer at a network element of said communication system~~

a) modifying an existing session between the user equipment and the node via said at least one entity;

b) putting the session on hold;

c) reserving resources for the modified session while said session is on hold;

and

d) resuming said session with a message by which an access network charging identifier is distributed within the second network, wherein the first access network is different from the second network.

30. (Currently Amended) ~~A computer program product for performing the steps of claim 3 when run on a computer at a network element of said communication system~~ A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for supporting a communication session of user equipment associated with a first access network, by means of a communication system comprising at least one entity between said user equipment and a node with which the user equipment is arranged to establish a session via a second network, the computer program being configured to perform the steps of:

a) modifying an existing session between the user equipment and the node via said at least one entity;

b) putting the session on hold;

c) reserving resources for the modified session while said session is on hold;

and

d) resuming said session with a message by which an access network charging identifier is distributed within the second network, wherein the first access network is different from the second network.

31. (Currently Amended) A network element for establishing a communication session with a node via a first access network and a second network, ~~wherein said network element includes comprising:~~

means for putting said session on hold;

means for reserving resources for said session while said session is on hold; and

means for resuming said session with a message by which an access network charging identifier is distributed within the second network, wherein the first access network is different from the second network.

32. (Currently Amended) A network element for modifying a communication session with a node via a first access network and a second network, ~~wherein~~ said network element ~~includes~~ comprising:

means for putting the session on hold;

means for reserving resources for modifying said session while said session is on hold; and

means for resuming said session with a message by which an access network charging identifier is distributed within said second network, wherein the first access network is different from the second network.